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*May 3, 2011*  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS  
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE  
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY  
EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE	:	
APPLICATION OF	:	Administrative Action
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SUSAN O'CONNOR, M.A., LAC	:	
License No. 37AC00047200	:	
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TO PRACTICE AS A PROFESSIONAL	:	CONSENT ORDER
COUNSELOR IN THE STATE OF	:	
NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor  
Examiners Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") of the New  
Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners  
(hereinafter "the Board") upon review of Ms. Susan O'Connor's  
application for licensure as a Professional Counselor. Ms.  
O'Connor disclosed in her application that she had worked as a  
counselor in a for-profit setting at Becker Counseling and  
Consulting, in Westfield, New Jersey under the supervision of

Steven Becker, LCSW from August 1, 2007 until February 26, 2010.  
Ms. O'Connor was first licensed as an Associate Counselor on  
August 22, 2008.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the  
Committee that the applicant engaged in the unlicensed practice  
of professional and/or associate counseling, in violation of  
N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a), by engaging in the practice of associate or  
professional counseling from August 1, 2007 until August 22,  
2008, prior to issuance of any license entitling her to provide  
such services in a for-profit setting in New Jersey.

It appearing that the applicant desires to resolve this  
matter without further proceedings, and the Committee finding  
this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public  
interest, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 3rd DAY OF May, 2011  
ORDERED:

1. None of the supervised hours performed by respondent in  
any for-profit setting, prior to licensure as an associate  
counselor on August 22, 2008, shall count toward the mandatory  
hours of supervised experience required for licensure as a  
Professional Counselor.

2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of  
two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). Payment shall be made  
~~by certified check or money order, payable to the "State of New~~  
Jersey" and sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director,

Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, 124  
Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The civil penalty shall  
be paid contemporaneously with the signing of the Consent Order.

3. Failure to remit payment as required by this Order will  
result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt and such other  
proceedings as are permitted by law.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE  
BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
THERAPY EXAMINERS



Barbara Maurer, M.A., LPC  
Chair

I have read the above Order  
and I understand and agree to  
abide by its terms. Consent is  
hereby given to the Professional  
Counselor Examiners Committee of the  
State Board of Marriage and Family  
Therapy Examiners to enter this  
Order.

  
Susan O'Connor, M.A.